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WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.
Fair.

THE PROFITS OF REFORM.

When David C. Dunbar enrolled
himself among the purifiers of the
"American" party, those who knew
David of old began to wonder just
what there was in it for the cunning
politician and franchise broker. Now
they know what he thought might be
a fitting testimonial to his services in
behalf of municipal reform, social
purity and the "American" party.

At Tuesday's session of the street
committee of the city council, that
committee decided to recommend the
purchase by the city from David C.
Dunbar of 993 four-way street signs
at the extremely modest figure of \$3.10
each, or a total of a little over \$3,000.
So adroitly was the proposal intro-
duced that the first public knowledge
of its consideration was the announce-
ment that the committee was in favor
of it. There was no paltry public dis-
cussion beforehand, no such foolishness
as competitive bids, no investigation
as to the methods of other cities or
the price they pay for signs. As airily
as they would smoke a good cigar
some one else had bought, the com-
mittee said they had decided to give
Brother Dunbar \$3,000 for some tin
signs, and that was all there was that
evening.

At the risk of being called hyper-
critical, The Herald would suggest that
the city of Salt Lake needs to exercise
common business judgment in its af-
fairs and quite a little economy. Of
course a mere trifle like \$3,000 is hard-
ly worth considering, and it would be a
great pleasure to see David enjoy the
money, but still the plan to pay six to
ten pence for a thing just because the
fellow who gets the money is a great
reformer and patriot is apt to be em-
barassing if it is carried to excess. P.
J. Moran has already worked that
game, and he has skimmed the munici-
pal milk pan so close that one more
turn at it is likely to leave the city
without any cream for its own use. It
would be cruel, very cruel of the city
council to turn down David's proposi-
tion for a little donation party of his
own; but it certainly would do him
good to work for a living just once.

Quite on a par with the Dunbar tin-
sign game is the slumbering scheme to
have the city invest \$32,000 a year more
in lighting the streets by gas. The
promoters of the scheme propose a
rate for street lights that ought to
leave a good, safe margin for the lubri-
cation of the ways if some members
of the council need lubrication. Other
cities pay from \$9.50 to \$12 for a lamp
offered to Salt Lake at \$32 a year. It
is true the cost of gas in the cities
mentioned is less than it is here, but
the coke by-product also brings bet-
ter prices here. In other cities the
company has not made so liberal a
proposal for the installation of poles,
but granting all the points of differ-
ence the price named for Salt Lake
is entirely too high and savors too
much of addition, division and silence.

In any matter such as the street
signs and the gas lighting proposal,
there is just one business-like way to
transact the business. The city au-
thorities should know first what other
cities pay for similar service; they
should determine how much they can
afford to spend, if anything, and they
should ask competing bids where com-
petition is possible.

As the matter stands now the effort
to rush through a sign job and a gas
lighting job looks too much like the
ordinary shell game in which the city
will pay the bills and the men inter-
ested divide the loot after they get it.
According to reports from local of-
fices the telegraphers' strike hasn't in-
terrupted the stock brokers in their
joyous job of calling for more margins
from the unwary. It's an almighty
dead wire that doesn't help somebody's
business a little.

With paper at its present high price
there are some compensations in not
having to print reams of it telling
about the Ahkood of Swat's new pa-
jamas and the sultan's depraved taste
in cigarettes.

These are the palmy days of the
"grapevine special" artist.

ON THE RIGHT TRAIL.

If this new mayor doesn't look out,
he'll get himself disliked by folks in
the administration party, to say noth-
ing of the party's newspapers. Here
he is, the first thing in his adminis-
tration, asking the newspapers of Salt
Lake to get together and boost for the
city. He believes the constant edi-
torial rag-chewing and criticism and
disparagement of the city hurts Salt
Lake; and he has the temerity to urge
that the fight be abandoned for the
good of the city and the people that
live in it.

It is evident the mayor is not in
touch with his own party managers,
or the men who have had the impres-
sion they were his managers. What
would they do if they couldn't roast
the people of Utah? Where would
they have any stock in trade if their
campaign of abuse were stopped? What
excuse would they have for being on
earth if they couldn't call some-
body double-leaded, black-face names
with a mourning border about the type
every morning?

The Herald agrees with the mayor
that a newspaper's business is to print
the news, be cheerful, boost its own
town and state, and tell the truth about
its circulation. It would like to see
every newspaper here get in line for
the city and cast out the crininations
and recriminations. This world is sad
enough and bad enough without being
darkened by the rancor and bitterness
of which Utah has had such full mea-
sure in the past three years. A little
sweetness and light, a good deal of
boosting, more optimism and less pes-
simism would raise the average pleas-
ure in Utah mightily; and it wouldn't
cost a cent.

The new mayor's idea is all right,
more power to him. We hope he can
get action in line with his theory, and
we wish him joy of his effort in this
direction. He's in bad company, but if
he can put the brakes on the kickers
and make them mend their ways, he
will have done a great service to the
community.

IS ALCOHOL A POISON?

Like the comparative merits of black
or brown or blue eyes, one question is
perennial in its interest to the human
race and the possibilities of an orator-
ical battle whenever it comes up for
discussion. The recent session of the
British Association for the Advance-
ment of Science tackled the subject
again and debated as to whether al-
cohol is a poison or not.

Sir Victor Horsley, a surgeon and
physiologist of the highest distinction,
held that it is. Dr. Dixon, an equally
distinguished authority, declared as em-
phatically that alcohol was equivalent
to sugar, and therefore food. Then Dr.
Cushny insisted that it was so bad a
poison that it was never expelled from
the system, and that it affected the
brain hours after it was administered.
And so the debate went on, both sides
apparently being satisfied.

Dr. Waller, president of the section
in which the theme was discussed, be-
lieves that by next year, when the top-
ic will be revived, some definite results
will be reached, and by that time there
is certainly a probability that what is
meant by "a small quantity" or "a
moderate dose" of alcohol will be pos-
itively defined, and that we shall have
actual measurements of the distur-
bance or stimulation which a given
quantity of alcohol produces in the sys-
tem. The difficulty in reaching this re-
sult lies in the fact that, though there
are standard weights and measures, no
standard of the human system exists.

To the spectator the discussion seems
to be largely a matter of definition. If
by poison the scientists mean some-
thing extremely deleterious to the hu-
man body the conclusion may be in
doubt; but if they wish to determine
whether alcohol is injurious to human-
ity and is in that sense a poison, the
most ignorant pigmy from Africa, the
least enlightened of the Indians of
America can offer a demonstration that
alcohol is a poison.

The common sense observation of
what alcohol has done to the aboriginal
inhabitants of this continent offers only
one opinion as to the result. The in-
telligent, self-controlled white man
may, perhaps, use alcohol with such
judgment as to avoid injury, but the
weak, the ignorant, those whose lives
are controlled by appetite can no more
survive the use of alcohol than if it
were so much prussic acid. The only
difference is in the time it takes al-
cohol to achieve the final end.

Purely as a moral problem, alcohol in
its relations to the individual will al-
ways be a matter for debate. It doubt-
less has its value in certain cases un-
der proper direction. It is unlikely it
will ever be abolished from use so long
as men seek opportunity for dissipa-
tion of some kind. But the wise man
knows that such doubt as exists re-
solves itself into the certainty that few,
very few, need alcohol, and that most
men would be better off physically,
morally, if they never touched alcoholic
drink of any kind.

The Roosevelt who refuses to mix up
in the telegraphers' strike is a very dif-
ferent Roosevelt from the one that
jumped into the anthracite coal strike
over his ears. Even a Roosevelt learns
occasionally by experience.

R. W. Patterson of the Chicago Tri-
bune says from Paris that Taft is the
leading candidate for the presidential
nomination next year. People who
know them both will wonder what Pat-
erson has against Taft.

But the "Americans" had to get a
good Democrat to pull them out of the
hole the persuaders had put them in.

SOCIETY

Today will mark the return at the
Country club to the former order of
things, when tea will be served during
the afternoon. Of course, an equiv-
alent for tea will be in order as well.
Mrs. William Philip Kiser and Miss
Lela Stingley will be the hostesses.
Later in the day a table d'hôte dinner
will be served, at which the Kisers will
entertain a party of friends, and a
dance in the evening will end the day.

Mrs. Nellie F. Crossland, for several
years connected with St. Mark's hos-
pital, and lately superintendent of the
L. D. S. hospital, leaves that institu-
tion Sept. 1 to accept a similar posi-
tion with the Protestant Episcopal
hospital in Philadelphia. Miss Lela
Hard, who is now the assistant super-
intendent, will have charge of the hos-
pital, beginning the first of the month.
Miss Hard goes today to Rock Springs,
Wyo., where she will enjoy a fortnight's
vacation as the guest of Mrs. A. Ken-
dall.

Mrs. S. M. Johnson, Miss Johnson,
Miss Kalls and Miss Ratzburg, all of
Shreveport, La., are guests for a few
weeks of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Leonard
at Murray.

Miss Leo Trent is back after a month
or more spent on the coast. She visit-
ed Mrs. W. E. Hall in Los Angeles,
Mrs. G. Lavagnino in Pasadena, and
later spent some time with the Trent
family in Auburn.

Mrs. James E. Jennings and Mrs. L.
Terry returned yesterday morning
from their Yellowstone trip. Mr. Jen-
nings and Mr. Terry remained over for
a fishing expedition on the Snake
river.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johnson are
spending some time in Banff, the ideal
summer resort of Canada. Mr. John-
son was in the northwest on a business
trip, and following this they made a
trip to Banff.

Mrs. Hapgood, who has been spend-
ing the summer with her brother and
sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ledyard M. Bal-
ley, will leave this morning to visit for
a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene
Hapgood at Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kiser enter-
tained a few friends informally last
evening at their home on Thirteenth
East street.

Miss Claire Ellerbeck and Miss Mary
Mayne left last evening for Yellow-
stone National park to be away a few
weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Oglesby are
back after two months spent in the
east visiting friends.

Mrs. J. J. Devereaux and her two
daughters are back from Aspen, Colo.

Mrs. Charles W. Lawrence has re-
turned from a visit with her aunt in
Provo.

Mrs. F. S. Bascom and her small
son have gone to Brighton for a short
outing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fish have gone
to Idaho on a fishing trip lasting some
weeks.

Mrs. Mary A. Freeze is still visiting
in Richmond, where she has spent the
better part of the summer.

Miss Kate Stuart and Miss Emma
Rathman have been guests of Mrs. John
Montgomery for a few days past. Both
the friends were former schoolmates
from Green Bay, Wis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

4724—Henry L. Harter, Flatbush, Brook-
lyn, N. Y.
Mary J. Rider, Salt Lake.
4725—Louis Arnold, Salt Lake.
Mabel L. Richardson, Salt Lake.
4726—Frank A. Davis, Salt Lake.
Lilla E. Gaunt, Salt Lake.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Ought to Be Court-Martialed for This
(Washington Post.)

General Sherman Bell declares that he
knew all the time Haywood was not guilty
of conspiring to murder Governor Steun-
enberg. Just think of the time and mon-
ey that might have been saved if he had
told the country this months ago.

Nothing of the Piker About Him.
(New York Sun.)

A judge with such a massive front
name as "Kenesaw Mountain" could not
be expected to take small change from
the Standard Oil company.

Merely a Matter of Taste.
(New York Herald.)

Professor Starr of Chicago says "dog
meat beats rattlers," which recalls a
statement made by an aged dame who
kissed a cow.

The Kind It Pays to Have.
(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

Dr. Ben Tillman is perhaps the poorest
political diagnostician practicing in this
country. He says Folk's enemies in Mis-
souri would make him a week candidate
for the presidency. Bless you, Ben, they'd
elect him.

Dr. Long and Roosevelt, Please An-
swer.
(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

Next in importance to the question of
whether Canada lynx will attack a bear is
the question whether a New Jersey
mosquito or the New Jersey landlird is
the more annoying when both present
their bills.

And He Hasn't Felt That.
(Kansas City Journal.)

It is said in behalf of the candidacy of
Uncle Joe Cannon that he "has felt the
pinch of poverty." However, in politics
it is not the pinch but the clench that
counts.

Hasn't a "Borrowing" Chance.
(Los Angeles Times.)

Of course "Uncle Joe" Fairbanks and
the others still have a show, but it's not
so strong that they could borrow any
money on it.

Won't Be the One He Supports.
(Chicago Record-Herald.)

Thomas C. Platt seems to be finding it
rather difficult to decide whether Hughes
or Cortelyou is New York's favorite son.

Their Best and Worst Features.
(Atlanta Georgian.)

The most valuable crop in the Philip-
pines is hemp and the material the archi-
pelago furnishes for the senate oratory.

Ought to Have a Loeb.
(Chicago News.)

Mr. Harriman's word is challenged so
frequently that he should hire an expert
to tell the truth for him.

More Likely in the Elements.
(Atlanta Journal.)

Automobiles are being sold in Borneo.
The wild man will be right in his ele-
ment as a chauffeur.

MILLINERY

Saturday will be the last
day of Summer with us

What is left of Summer
Stocks will be placed
on sale at prices to
clear the space without
regard to cost or
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THE HISTORIAN'S HENS.

(Lippincott's Magazine.)

An Indiana man tells of the efforts
of an author belonging to the Hoosier
school of historical novelists to put in
his leisure time as a "hen farmer" in
that state. The literary person's ven-
ture afforded his agricultural neigh-
bors no end of amusement.

During his first year the amateur
farmer discovered that all his little
chickens, which were confined in coops,
were languishing at the point of death.
The novelist went over the "hen liter-
ature" to locate the cause of the trou-
ble, but to no avail.

Finally he called upon an old chap
named Rawlins, to whom he put the
question:

"What do you suppose is the matter
with those chickens?"

"Well, I dunno," said Rawlins.
"What do you feed them?"

"Feed them!" exclaimed the novel-
ist-farmer. "Why, I don't feed them
anything!"

"Then, how'd you s'pose they was
a-goin' to live?"

"I presumed," replied the literary
person, "that the old hens had milk
enough for them now."

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FOOD MIXTURES.

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be the most effective known to sci-
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Two ounces of Rose Water; one
ounce Spirits of Cologne; four
ounces Sartin (crystallized).
Put the Sartin into a pint of hot
water (not boiling) and when dis-
solved and cooled strain through a
fine cloth; then add the Rose Water
and Cologne Spirits.

This is to be applied daily to the
face, neck and bust, and massaged
thoroughly into the skin. If the
treatment is persistently used re-
markable results will follow even for
the worst complexion or roughest
skin. The above formula is inex-
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figured lawns. Values up to \$7.50.
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with bands of linen and pique. Values up to \$7.95.
\$4.98 For colored Cotton jacket suits in very pretty Eton styles,
trimmed with wide lace insertion and dainty applique. Val-
ues up to \$11.50.

PONGEE COATS.

- A very few handsome Pongee coats. 3/4 length, full plaited back and
front with fancy braided collar.
Saturday while they last **\$9.95**
Novelty coats in light colors, serviceable for cool evenings, come in half
tight fitting and box styles.
Specially priced for Saturday at **\$4.95**

WHITE LAWN WAISTS.

- Dainty white waists in 20 styles. Values up to \$1.50.
Saturday **98c**
White waists of fine lawn with trimmings of lace, insertion and embroi-
dered. Good styles to select from.
Values up to \$3.95. Saturday **\$1.45**
Handsome white waists of fine lawns and batiste, with dainty trimmings
of lace and insertion. Fancy sleeves and full lace collar.
Values up to \$5.50. Saturday **\$2.50**

WASH KIMONAS.

- Long and short Kimonas of figured lawns, with plain bands, lace and in-
sertions trimmings. Very specially priced
for Saturday, at **39c**

TRIMMING SPECIAL.

- A large assortment of fine laces and medallions to be closed out at from
50 to 75 per cent below actual cost. There is in this lot cream and
white medallions in all the most beautiful designs. Net and baby
Irish combinations, Fllet meshes, heavy effects both in Medallion
and bands. They must be seen to be appreciated.
Values up to \$3.00 yard, to be cleared out at **79c**

CHIFFON VEILS.

- Beautiful Chiffon veils, 1 1/2 yards long, with pleated ruffle around edge;
the very newest idea in veils; all colors.
Saturday only **\$1.49**

DAINTY NECKWEAR SPECIAL.

- We have bunched together a lot of broken lines of collars to be sacri-
ficed Saturday, stocks in fancy linen, Tab ends, long Jabot effects.
Stocks with dainty linen top collars attached, fancy Chiffon and
lace stocks, and others too numerous to mention.
These are values up to \$3.00. Saturday only **49c**

INFANTS' LONG DRESSES.

- A sample lot of Infants' long dresses of fine, dainty nainsook, which
we are enabled to sell at very satisfactory prices.
VALUES UP TO \$1.00 FOR 50c.

Made of fine nainsook and trimmed with hemstitching, lace and
embroidery edge.

VALUES UP TO \$1.50 FOR 89c.

Made of fine nainsook, dainty tucked yoke, ruffle on bottom of
skirt, trimmed at neck and sleeves with narrow, fine embroidery edge.

VALUES UP TO \$1.75 FOR 98c.

Fine Torchon lace and embroidery yoke, body of dainty, fine anis-
sook, tucked ruffle finished with lace edge and French beading.

Ladies' White Petticoat Special.

- 89c VALUES FOR 69c.
Dainty white petticoat with 18-inch hemstitched tucked ruffle, body
of the skirt made of fine muslin, all lengths and extra good values.

Three-Piece Combination Suits—\$2.98

- We have in this dainty combination one of the most satisfactory gar-
ments of its kind, made of sheer, fine cambric, making the garment
light weight and dainty. The skirt and drawers are cut on the bias
at the waist, doing away with all fullness at the hips. These little
points of construction are worthy of note. For laundering, this is
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Lace. This sale takes in two prices, \$3.75 and \$4.00, for **\$2.98**

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\$1.00 quality **89c**
Negligee style night shirts for men, made of nainsook and trimmed with
fancy colored cord edge; all sizes and extra long.
\$1.25 values **98c**

- Ladies' and misses' plain hem initial handkerchiefs,
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Extra line of Fine Leather hand bags, medium size, in all the new shades
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Glycerine and Elder Flower, for Saturday **25c and 48c**
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